

MINUTES

Meeting: Environment Committee
Date: Thursday 7 December 2017
Time: 2.30 pm
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Leonie Cooper AM (Chair)
Caroline Russell AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Nicky Gavron AM
David Kurten AM
Joanne McCartney AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Tony Arbour AM, and Jennette Arnold OBE AM for whom Nicky Gavron AM substituted.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

2.2 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2017 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Action Taken under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

5.2 Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chair, under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely to agree the London Assembly's response to the Mayor of London's draft Environment Strategy be noted.

6 Waste Management: Energy from Waste (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on Waste Management: Energy from Waste to the following invited guests:

- Julian Walker, Chief Operating Officer, Cory Riverside Energy;
- Professor Darryl Newport, University of East London and Institution of Civil Engineers Representative;
- Tim Rotheray, Director, The Association for Decentralised Energy;
- Andy Richmond, Policy & Programmes Manager, Greater London Authority (GLA);
- Shlomo Downen, National Coordinator, United Kingdom Without Incineration Network; and

- Dan Cooke, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Viridor.

6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

6.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from the Chief Operating Officer, Cory Riverside Energy:

- Further information on whether Cory Riverside Energy has been subject to the unannounced inspections from the Environment Agency; and
- Whether tests for dioxins and furans are carried out constantly or intermittently.

6.4 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from the National Coordinator, United Kingdom Without Incineration Network:

- Evidence concerning ongoing complaint situations that currently exists relating to London energy from waste plants.

6.5 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information from the Policy and Programmes Manager, GLA:

- Any available information on why the Barking Riverside London development was unable to have a heat network installed.

6.6 At the end of the discussion, the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions to the meeting.

6.7 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and discussion be noted.

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.

7 Particulate Air Pollution (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on particulate air pollution in London to the following invited guests:

- Elliot Treharne, Air Quality Manager, Greater London Authority;
- Peter McNaught, Director of Asset Operations, London Underground;
- Dr Gary Fuller, King's College London; and
- Simon Birkett, Institution of Civil Engineers London Air Quality Representative.

- 7.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 7.3 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the Institution of Civil Engineers Representative to provide the Committee with a copy of the task forces report including the ten recommendations.
- 7.4 At the end of the discussion, the Chair thanked the guests for their attendance and helpful contributions to the meeting.
- 7.5 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
 - (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

8 Environment Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

- 8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 8.2 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the current and recent work detailed in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 of the report be noted.**
 - (b) That the Committees notes its agreed work programme as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.10 of the report.**

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

- 9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, 17 January 2017 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

- 10.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 5.34pm.

Chair

Date

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